

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A water treatment apparatus provided with a purifying means that comprises a filtration means and a pump-electric motor assembly, said apparatus comprising an enclosure that is provided internally with compartments for accommodating said purifying means, said enclosure being provided with a system of channels and holes, formed within its material, for conveying [[the]] water from one compartment to the next, said enclosure comprising an open body and of at least one plate for closing said body, said body being provided with said compartments for accommodating said purifying means, said at least one closure plate being connected detachably to an open end of the body and being provided internally with said system of channels and holes, said at least one closure plate being one of four closure plates provided with channels and including a bottom cap, a bottom cap liner, a top cap and a top cap liner.

2. (canceled)\

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim [[3]] 1, wherein said bottom cap is connected to said bottom cap liner and the assembly constituted thereby is connected to a first open end of said body, while said top cap is connected to said top cap liner and the assembly constituted thereby is connected to a second open end of said body.

5. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein gaskets are respectively interposed between said ~~caps and said top caps and between said top caps~~ and top cap and said top cap liner, said top cap liner and said body, said body and said bottom cap liner, and said bottom cap liner and said bottom cap.

6. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 5, ~~wherein it comprises a~~ further comprising connection means for fixing said plates to each other and to said body, with said gaskets interposed ~~between them~~.

7. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ~~filtering~~ filtration means comprises a prefiltering assembly of ~~[[the]]~~ an activated-carbon type and a main membrane-type filtration assembly.

8. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a first tank for collecting ~~[[the]]~~ purified water and a second tank for collecting ~~[[the]]~~ waste water before a discharging ~~[[it]]~~ of the waste water.

9. (original) The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said first and second tanks are formed in a corresponding number of compartments of said body.

10. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising at least one water cooling module.

11. (original) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said cooling module consists of at least one Peltier cell.

12. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 10, further comprising a carbonation device that is connected to a bottle of CO<sub>2</sub> in order to carbonate the water.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said carbonation device, ~~said tanks~~, said ~~[[CO<sub>2</sub>]]~~ bottle of CO<sub>2</sub> and said water cooling module are accommodated in a corresponding number of additional compartments formed within said body.

14. (new) A water treatment apparatus provided with a purifying means that comprises a filtration means and a pump-electric motor assembly, said apparatus comprising an enclosure that is provided internally with compartments for accommodating said purifying means, said enclosure being provided with a system of channels and holes, formed within its material, for conveying water from one compartment to the next, said apparatus further comprising a carbonation device that is connected to a bottle of CO<sub>2</sub> in order to carbonate the water, said carbonation device and said bottle of CO<sub>2</sub> being accommodated in a corresponding number of additional compartments formed within said enclosure